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KYOKO: DPRK SAYS ATTEMPT ON PAK LIFE PLANNED BY ROK

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(TEXT) PYONGYANG AUG 19 KYODO--THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT PAK CHONG-HUI THURSDAY IS A POLITICAL PLOT DESIGNED BY SOUTH KOREA TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF THE PAK GOVERNMENT, IT WAS CHARGED HERE MONDAY.

THE CONDEMNATION WAS MADE BY A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AT A NEWS CONFERENCE HELD HERE MONDAY AFTERNOON.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SOUTH KOREA, BY PLOTTING THE ASSASSINATION, HAD TRIED TO JUSTIFY PAK'S "FASCISTIC OPPRESSION" OF HIS PEOPLE AND TO CONTROL THE DEMOCRATIC ACTIVITIES OF KOREAN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN.

HE ALSO SAID SOUTH KOREA WAS TRYING TO INTENSIFY TENSIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA BY PLANNING THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.

NORTH KOREA MADE THESE REGUTTALS IN RESPONSE TO A SOUTH KOREAN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT UNDER THE DIRECTIVE OF NORTH KOREA.

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